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20. A vacuum-sealed vial as claimed in claim 18,⁴ wherein the water content is substantially 1 to 2 mols per mol of 7β-[2-(2-imino-4-thiazolin-4-yl)acetamido]-3-[1-[2-(N,N-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1H-tetrazol-5-yl]thiomethyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylic acid dihydrochloride moiety.

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21. A vacuum-sealed vial as claimed in claim 19,⁶ wherein the water content is substantially 1 to 2 mols per mol of 7β-[2-(2-imino-4-thiazolin-4-yl)acetamido]-3-[1-[2-(N,N-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1H-tetrazol-5-yl]thiomethyl-3-cephem-4-carboxylic acid dihydrochloride moiety. *End*

22. A method for preparing a vacuum-sealed vial as claimed in any one of claims 15 to 21, which comprises packing said solid antibiotic composition in any one of said claims 15 to 21 into a vial and vacuum-sealing the vial at a pressure in the range of from 0 to 300 mmHg. --.

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The above amendment presents a new set of claims directed to a vacuum-sealed vial containing a solid antibiotic as described and a method for preparing said vacuum sealed vial.

New claim 15 represents a combination of original claims 1, 5, 6 and 11.

New claim 16 depends on claim 15 and is based* on original claim 5.

New claim 17 also depends on new claim 15 and is based* on original claim 6.

New claim 18 depends on claim 15 and is based* on original claim 3.

*in part

New claim 19 is an independent claim based* on original claim 3 and the disclosure on page 6, lines 13 and 14.

New claims 20 and 21 are both based* on original claim 4.


New claim 22 is based* on original claim 14.

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

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